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An illustration of the autocratic power held and exercised by Speaker Cannon is found in the fact that when more than a majority of the members of the House of Representatives signed the appeal for the consideration of the forest preservation measure, or put themselves on record in some fashion, in favor of the bill, the Speaker refused to allow the bill to be reported.

In its statement of the taxable values of bank shares, the State Board of Equalization makes quite general reference to the figures of 1908, but without giving its reasons. For instance, the shares of three local banks increased as follows: City National, from \$185 to \$185; Connecticut National, from \$182 to \$185; First Bridgeport National, from \$180 to \$185. Somewhat similar advances are made in the share-values of most of the banks of Western Connecticut. Possibly, the State's need of money to meet extravagant appropriations may have been given some consideration by the Board of Equalization.

There was organized at Washington, Thursday, a "National Anti-Trust League," the purpose of which is to check or stop the use of commodities when their prices are boosted above a proper level by trusts producing them. It is proposed to organize State leagues and to have all boycott measures directed by an advisory council. The movement is evidently a result of the boycott instituted by the government against the products of the Oil and Tobacco trusts. It differs, therefore, however, in the fact that while the government acts only on judicial decisions, this new organization will not await action by the courts.

This proposed procedure, if properly executed, will undoubtedly be effective in bringing the more grasping of the trusts to a realization that when fully aroused, the American people can and will protect themselves from extortion. It will undoubtedly become a very popular movement, though there is a question whether organized efforts do not come within the scope of certain Supreme court decisions. Besides, the first trust menaced by the Anti-Trust association will take time to test the matter, but not even efforts can prevent a man from attempting to purchase a trust produced.

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SUED FOR LIBEL

Attorney Prentice W. Chase is defendant in Counter Action Brought By John W. Coe.

A sudden and sensational step was taken in Hartford yesterday in connection with the suit which is being fought by George E. Hodgdon of New Haven against John W. Coe of Bridgeport, when papers were served in an action, charging libel and asking \$25,000 damages in which Mr. Coe sues Attorney Prentice W. Chase of New Haven, who is acting as attorney for Mr. Hodgdon, and a number of co-defendants including the Hatch & North Coal Company, the Fischer Brothers Company, F. S. Kibbee & Co., W. E. Fanning, C. S. Tuttle, The E. A. Bundy Company, J. S. Newton Company of Boston, and in addition Lizzie M. Hodgdon and R. & C. Harris of New Haven.

The action grows out of statements made in a writ which was served on Mr. Coe in a suit brought a few days ago, which writ he alleges is libelous and a defamation of his character.

MRS. KIP REWEDES
DAY SHE'S DIVORCED

Reno, Nev., Jan. 1.—Before the ink had dried on the divorce decree granted her by Judge W. H. A. Pike dissolving her marriage to Henry Spies Kip of New York, Mrs. Francis Kip became the wife of Julius McCarty Little, a wealthy young mining man of this city and representative of the Phillips of Nevada city in mining interests in Nevada.

MAYOR BUCKINGHAM'S APPOINTMENTS

After a protracted and decidedly arduous struggle against adverse conditions, Mayor Buckingham announced, Thursday, the names of the members of his official family, in so far as the charter allows him to make appointments at this time. For a time he experienced much difficulty in securing the consent of the right kind of men—particularly, Republicans—to serve on the several departmental boards, but after the Farmer intimated that a species of boycott seemed to be in operation, this difficulty vanished in large part.

The Mayor evidently interpreted the magnitude of the Democratic success in November as really a popular demand for a clean sweep, so far as possible, of all parts of the former administration from office. He may also have reasonably held that such action would be good policy; certainly, it will aid greatly in placing the responsibility for all acts of his administration, and we may add in passing that he does not evince any desire to shirk such responsibility.

He has made most excellent selections, and the people seem generally to approve them. Naturally, there are "sore spots," mostly among those who sought offices but whom the offices did not seek. Of course, the Republican machine is disappointed; it had hoped for and expected appointments susceptible of at least plausible criticism—with its members, "Othello's occupation's gone."

So far as appears, the Taxpayers' League did not undertake any supervision of the Mayor's task, although to be consistent it should have, as it were, stood at his elbow and commenced its self-imposed labor of departmental supervision at the fountain head. In this way, it might perhaps have succeeded in producing a municipal dish spiced to its fastidious taste and earning the encomium that

Finer or fatter
On the other hand, the league might not have succeeded in influencing the Mayor. Certainly he has done very well indeed without its aid.

STEFFENS ARRIVES

JUST IN TIME

Author Had Presentment
and Drove Five Miles to
Save His Home from
Burning Down.

Greenwich, Jan. 1.—A presentment Thursday night made of Lincoln Steffens, the writer, drive five miles at midnight in zero weather to his home at Riverside and thus enabled him to save the house from burning down. As he was coming from New York he was carried by his station, but instead of spending the night at a Stamford hotel he determined to drive home.

It was just 2 o'clock as he arrived. He found the house full of smoke and his wife, mother-in-law, and servants asleep. Looking for the cause of the smoke he concluded that it came from the open fireplaces in the parlor and bedroom, and extinguished the burning logs.

Two hours later he was awakened by a stifling smoke, and this time found that the house was afire. The beams about the fireplaces were alight between the floors. With an axe he tore up the boards while the women turned on the garden hose and telephoned Greenwich central for firemen.

The Mianus Fire Company started, but got its apparatus caught in a snow bank. The Sound Beach Fire Company, which has among its members J. Kennedy Tod, came four miles afoot, leaving its apparatus at the fire-house. Among them was Harry C. Frost, who understands architectural construction and knows where to look for smoking fire.

The fire burned for two hours after being discovered and had probably been going all day. About \$2,000 damage was done. The building was saved chiefly through the efforts of Mr. Steffens and his mother-in-law, although the neighbors did all they could to assist and carried the furniture from the house.

Mr. Steffens treated the firemen to food, hot coffee, and cigars.

Aged Gardener Killed

By Trolley Car

Greenwich, Jan. 1.—Henry F. Reidel, a gardener, formerly employed by Commodore E. C. Benedict and other wealthy families, was killed by a trolley car at the foot of Arch street yesterday afternoon. Mr. Reidel, who was sixty-five years old, had been deaf for several years and did not hear the car or the motorman's warning bell.

INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM

CURED IN 3 DAYS.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says: "My wife had inflammatory rheumatism in every muscle and joint; her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen almost beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and could not get up. I tried Dr. Detchon's Relief for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by Curtis Pharmacy, Drugist, 1149 Main St. G 2-612.

A 10,000 ACRE PARK

FROM MRS. HARRIMAN

Newburg, N. Y., Jan. 1.—According to a friend of the late E. H. Harriman residing here, Mrs. Mary W. Harriman, widow of the financier, has offered to the State of New York for park purposes 10,000 of the 30,000 acres included in the late E. H. Harriman estate in the Adirondack region of New York.

MAN RUNS RACE

TO HANG HIMSELF

Altoona, Pa., Jan. 1.—A man, supposed to be Martin Staren of 161 Sussex street, Jersey City, committed suicide by hanging himself to a fencepost in the rear of the Palace Hotel here yesterday. He left Jersey City Thursday, and attracted attention by his peculiar manner.

When the train reached here Staren dashed from the coach and ran through the streets, pursued by a railroad policeman. He dodged into the yard in the rear of the Palace Hotel, and, placing a cord about his neck, slipped the other end over a post. He was found when the policeman reached the yard.

Wright Leaves \$70,000

To Care for Animals

Boston, Jan. 1.—A fund of \$70,000 to care for his horses and dogs and over \$25,000 left to household servants are among the bequests of Charles Francis Wright, who died on Dec. 27. The will is filed in the Suffolk County Probate Court.

\$650,000 TO YALE

MRS. SAGE'S GIFT

As a Descendant of the University's First President
She Will Pay for the Hillhouse Estate, Known as
Sachem's Wood.

New Haven, Jan. 1.—A gift of \$650,000 from Mrs. Russell Sage has made Yale's New Year notable. The sum was presented for the purpose of paying for the Hillhouse property on Prospect street.

The tract known as Sachem's wood contains 30 acres near the present buildings, and was bought in 1905 for \$500,000 from the Hillhouse heirs, who have resided there for more than a century. The preliminary payment was made by three prominent Yale alumni of New York city, Otto T. Bannard, William H. Barnum and Clarence H. Ketchum.

The gift is the second largest ever made to Yale, the only one exceeding it being the \$1,000,000 donation of John D. Rockefeller three years ago. The property was purchased to give Yale a site for the buildings it plans to erect immediately. The sum of \$450,000 was recently given by the Stanoes of New York City for the erection of a new physics laboratory, which will be the first structure placed on the site. The next will be a new biological laboratory.

Mrs. Sage's letter of gift to Secretary Stokes of Yale is as follows: "As a descendant of Abraham Pierson, the first President of Yale, I have an ancestral interest in that university. I have known through you for some time past of the effort to obtain for Yale the Sachem's Wood or Hillhouse estate as a new campus and I know how important it seems to many members of the corporation and Faculty to do so at this particular time for needed development on broad university lines. I understand that this property was bought about four years ago, subject to a large mortgage, by a group of public-spirited graduates, who undertook to carry it until a donor could be found who would transfer it without debt to the university."

I will be pleased, if agreeable to the corporation, to pay its entire cost, which, I understand amounts with interest and carrying charges, to the sum of \$650,000, and to present it to the university as a gift from me without condition or restriction, payment to be made, say, on or before Feb. 1, next.

In addition to the cherished family tradition that Abraham Pierson, the first President of Yale, was her ancestor, the close historical connection between the early New Haven colony and Yale College on the one hand and the eastern section of Long Island on which Mrs. Sage and her ancestors have lived for generations, on the other, was an important factor giving her a special interest.

Meeting of the Yale Corporation will be held Jan. 10, at which time Mrs. Sage's offer will be formally accepted.

TO HAVE AIRSHIPS

ALL OVER FRANCE

(Special from United Press.)
Paris, Jan. 1.—When the French Senate meets on January 11 it is probable that D'Estournelles De Constant, president of the committee on aviation, will ask action of the Senate in a scheme to have all cities of any consequence in France build accommodations for aeroplanes and dirigible balloons.

It is proposed that all the cities shall be provided with aeroplanes and dirigible sheds, small workshops where all needed repairs can be made and plants for the inflation of dirigibles.

Senators and member of the Chamber of Deputies who have been interviewed think the plan feasible.

ICE HARVEST STARTS

IN NEW HAVEN TODAY.

New Haven, Jan. 1.—The harvest of ice in New Haven and vicinity began this morning, and the continuation of the present weather conditions it is confidently believed that a very large share of the necessary crop to supply New Haven for the next summer will be stored away.

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